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SUBJECT: LETTER TO PRESIDENT FROM KING HUSSEIN

1. KING, WHO HAS MADE CLEAR THAT HE HAS BEEN DEEPLY TOUCHED
BY RECENT LETTERS WHICH HE HAS RECEIVED FROM THE PRESIDENT,
HAS ASKED EMBASSY TO DELIVER FOLLOWING TEXT OF LETTER TO
PRESIDENT ON HIS BEHALF. SIGNED ORIGINAL
FOLLOWS BY POUCH.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

I WISH TO THANK YOU MOST SINCERELY FOR YOUR
VERY KIND, WARM AND THOUGHTFUL LETTERS. YOUR
EXPRESSIONS OF GOOD WISHES ON THE OCCASION OF
MY SILVER JUBILEE HAVE TOUCHED ME DEEPLY. I HOPE
THAT THE COMING YEARS WILL WITNESS THE GROWING AND
PROSPERING OF THE STRONG FRIENDLY TIES THAT EXIST
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES.

JORDAN HAS ALWAYS FELT A SENSE OF TRUST AND
CONFIDENCE IN THE UNITED STATES WHICH TRANSCENDS
THE CONCRETE MUTUAL INTERESTS INTO THE AREA OF
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COMMON IDEALS AND VISION OF HISTORY. YOU HAVE,
PERSONALLY, COME TO SYMBOLIZE THE IDEALS AND VISION
OF AMERICA. I WISH YOUR EFFORTS AND YOUR ERA OF
AMERICAN HISTORY EVERY SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT.

I WAS GRATIFIED AT THE MEETINGS I HAD WITH
SECRETARY VANCE IN AMMAN. AS HE HAD RELATED TO

YOU, OUR TALKS WERE FRUITFUL AND COMPREHENSIVE.
I BELIEVE THAT AMERICAN POLICY REGARDING THE
CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST IS MOVING IN THE
RIGHT DIRECTION AND BASED ON THE RIGHT ASSUMPTIONS.
IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF ALL THE PARTIES IN THE
AREA AS WELL AS THE UNITED STATES THAT A COMPREHENSIVE
AND JUST SETTLEMENT OF THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT BE
ACHIEVED. IT WILL MOVE THE ARAB WORLD IN A POSITIVE
DIRECTION. IT WILL ESTABLISH A STATE OF PEACE IN THE
AREA THAT HAS ELUDED US FOR SO LONG. IT WILL CREATE
A NEW CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED
STATES AND THE MIDDLE EAST. WE, IN JORDAN HAVE
ALWAYS HOPED FOR AND WORKED FOR SUCH A GOAL.

I AM DEEPLY SATISFIED AT YOUR ASSURANCES THAT
THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY AN ACTIVE
ROLE IN THE PEACE PROCESS AND THAT YOUR EFFORTS AND
ACTION WILL BE GUIDED BY THE VIEWS YOU STATED IN
YOUR TALKS AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS.

THERE IS NO WAY OF BRINGING ABOUT A DURABLE
PEACE IN THE REGION AND RESOLUTION OF THE CONFLICT
WITHOUT A BALANCED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRINCIPLES
OF WITHDRAWAL AND PALESTINIAN RIGHTS IN EXCHANGE
FOR PERMANENT PEACE OBLIGATIONS. ISRAEL MUST SHOW
A SENSE OF UNDERSTANDING OF ITS LONG TERM AND
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HISTORIC INTEREST RATHER THAN PRE-OCCUPATION WITH
MILITARY POWER AND TERRITORIAL ACQUISITION. I HAVE
ALSO BEEN TELLING MY FELLOW ARAB LEADERS AS WELL AS
OUR PEOPLE THAT THE COURSE OF MODERATION AND
RATIONALITY IS MORE REWARDING IN THE LONG RUN FOR
THE ARAB NATION AND ITS POSITIVE ASPIRATIONS.
I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS
AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSIBILITY AND A BROAD INTEREST
IN THE REACTIVATION AND SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF
THE PEACE EFFORTS. I KNOW THAT YOUR COURAGE AND
ENLIGHTENED PATRIOTISM WILL ALLOW YOU TO OVERCOME
THE FAMILIAR AND FORMIDABLE CONSTRAINTS IN THE
PEACE EFFORTS.

ONCE AGAIN, I THANK YOU MOST SINCERELY FOR
YOUR PERSONAL GOOD WISHES AND KINDNESS AND FOR
YOUR GREAT PUBLIC EFFORTS. I HOPE THAT THE
COMING FEW MONTHS WILL WITNESS DEFINITE PROGRESS.
I WISH YOU SUCCESS IN ALL YOUR EFFORTS WITHIN
YOUR GREAT COUNTRY AND IN THE WORLD.

YOUR SINCERE FRIEND

HUSSEIN I
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